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Title:	PRECURSORS FOR DEOXYRIBONUCLEOTIDES CONTAINING NON-STANDARD NUCLEOSIDES		

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

1. At page 1, under the heading "Cross Reference To Related Applications" please make the following amendments: after "October 12, 1995," please insert --now U.S. Patent No. 6,037,120--; after "January 17, 1995," please insert --now U.S. Patent No. 6,001,983-- and replace "which application" with --which--.
2. At page 3, line 13, after "bases.", please insert --Additionally, radiolabeled nucleotide bases can be included in an oligonucleotide, for example, ³H or ³²P labeled nucleotide bases.--.
3. At page 5, line 27, after "base pairs).", please insert --The invention also provides a process which includes incubating an oligonucleotide template containing one or more non-standard bases with either a DNA or RNA polymerase in the presence of triphosphates of the complementary nucleotides.--.